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SUBJ: CHATCHAI ON RECOGNITION OF THE NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 1.
FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS ON
RECOGNITION OF THE NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

BEGIN TEXT.

REPORTER: WHAT MOVES WILL YOU MAKE TO RECOGNIZE THE VIETNAMESE
GOVERNMENT?

CHATCHAI: NO MEETING HAS BEEN HELD AND NO CONTACT MADE WITH OTHER
ASEAN COUNTRIES YET. WE WILL START MAKING CONTACT TOMORROW. WE
MUST HOLD CONSULTATIONS FIRST ON WHAT ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE.

REPORTER: WILL CONSULTATIONS HELD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR EXTENDING
RECOGNITION TO CAMBODIA?

CHATCHAI: CONTACT WILL BE MADE TODAY TO FIX A DATE FOR A MEETING.
WE DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT THE SITUATION IN SAIGON IS AT PRE-
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SENT, OR WHAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT IT WILL HAVE. BUT MY PERSONAL

VIEW FROM INFORMATION AND REPORTS RECEIVED IS THAT NORTH VIETNAM
AND SOUTH VIETNAM WILL REMAIN PARTITIONED, THAT VIETNAM WILL NOT
BE REUNIFIED. ... BUT WE MUST WAIT AND SEE THEIR ATTITUDE FIRST--
WHETHER THEY WILL REMAIN PARTITIONED OR WHETHER THEY WILL BECOME
REUNIFIED. THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND RECOGNITION CORRECTLY,
BECAUSE WE WILL EXTEND RECOGNITION SIMILARLY TO OUR RECOGNITION
OF CAMBODIA. A JOINT PROCLAMATION WILL BE ISSUED BY ALL ASEAN
COUNTRIES EXTENDING RECOGNITION.

END TEXT.
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